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1. LETTER FROM TURKISH PERM REP TURKMEN TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL DATED AUGUST 13 CONCERNING GREEK VIOLATION IN THE
AEGEAN WAS CIRCULATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
DURING AFTERNOON COUNCIL SESSION.

2. TEXT OF LETTER:

QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY,

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM NY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE
HONOUR TO BRING ONCE AGAIN TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FLAGRANT
VIOLATIONS OF GREECE OF HER SOLEMN TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN
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THE AEGEAN.

THE SECURITY OF THE ANATOLIAN PENINSULA IS MUCH DEPENDENT ON A GREAT NUMBER OF ISLANDS ENCIRCLING IT IN THE AEGEAN WITH VERY CLOSE GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. THIS QUESTION OF SECURITY HAS BECOME OF VITAL IMPORTANCE PARTICULARLY, WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ANATOLIAN PENINSULA AND OVER THE ISLANDS WERE CONFERRED TO TWO DIFFERENT STATES SOME 50 YEARS AGO. EVEN A CURSORY GLANCE AT THE AEGEAN MAP WILL SUFFICE TO ILLUSTRATE THE SIGNIFICANCE THE EASTERN AEGEAN ISLANDS BEAR ON THE SECURITY OF THE ANATOLIAN COAST LYING WITHIN A FEW MILES. TO MENTION BUT A FEW ILLUSTRATIONS, ISLANDS OF SAMOS IS 3 MILES, LESBOS 10 MILES, CHIOS 9 MILES, KOS 3 MILES, SYMI 5 MILES AND MEIS IS ONLY 1 MILE AWAY FROM THE ANATOLIAN COAST.

THIS PECULIAR GEOGRAPHIC CONFIGURATION NECESSITATED THE RECONCILIATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS WITH THE SECURITY IMPERATIVES OF THE ANATOLIAN PENINSULA.

IT WAS DUE TO THIS PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION THAT THE TREATY OF LAUSANNE OF 24 JULY 1923 AND THE TREATY OF PEACE DATED 10 FEBRUARY 1947 STIPULATED THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE EASTERN AEGEAN ISLANDS.

ARTICLE 13 OF THE LAUSANNE PEACE TREATY SIGNED BY UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, ROMANIA, STATE OF SERBAI-CROATIA-SLOVENIA, GREECE AND TURKEY READS AS FOLLOWS:

"EN VUE D'ASSURER LE MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX, LE GOUVERNEMENT HELLENIQUE S'ENGAGE A OBSERVER LES MESURES SUIVANTES DANS LES ILES DE MITYLENE, CHIO, SAMOS ET NIKARIA:

1. AUCUNE BASE NAVALE AUCUNE FORTIFICATION NE SERONT ETABLIES DANS LESDITES ILES.

2. IL SERA INTERDIT A L'AVITATION MILITAIRE GRECQUE DE SURVOLER LE TERRITOIRE DE LA COTE D'ANATOLIE.

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AVIATION MILITAIRE DE SURVOLER LESDITES ILES.

3. LES FORCES MILITAIRES HELLENIQUES DANS LESDITES ILES SERONT LIMITEES AU CONTINGENT NORMAL, APPELE POUR LE SERVICE MILITAIRE, QUI POURRA ETRE INSTRUIT SUR PLACE, AINSI QU-A UN EFFECTIF DE GENDARMERIE ET DE LA POLICE PROPORTIONNE A L'EFFECTIF DE GENDARMERIE ET DE LA POLICE EXISTANT SUR L'ENSEMBLE DU TERRITOIRE HELLENIQUE."

ARTICLE 14 OF THE TREATY OF PEACE SIGNED BETWEEN ITALY AND THE ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONFERRED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE DODECANESE ISLANDS TO GREECE ON THE SPECIFIC CONDITION THAT THEY BE KEPT DEMILITARIZED:

"1. L'ITALIE CEDE A LA GRECE EN PLEINE SOUVERAINETE LES ILES DU DODECANESE CI-APRES ENUMEREES, A SAVOIR:

STAMPALIA (ASTROPALIA)
RHODES (RHODOS)
CALKI (KHARKI)
SCARPANTO (CASSO)
PISCOPIS (TILOS)
MISIROS (NISYROS)
CALIMNOS (KALYMNOS)
LEROS
PATMOS
LIPSOS (LIPSO)
SIMI (SYMI)
COS (KOS)
CASTELLORIZO,

AINSI QUE LES ILOTS ADJACENTS.

"2. CES ILES SERONT ET RESTERONT DEMILITARISEES.

"3. LES FORMALITIES ET LES CONDITIONS TECHNIQUES DU TRANSFERT DE CES ILES A LA GRECE SERONT FIXEES PAR UN ACCORD ENTRE LES GOUVERNEMENTS DU ROYAUME-UNI ET DE LA GRECE ET DES ARRANGEMENTS SERONT PRIS POUR QUE LE RETRAIT DES TROUPES ETRANGERES SOIT TERMINE AU PLUS TARD QUATREVINGTDIX JOURS APRES L'ENTREE EN VIGUEUR DU PRESENT TRAITE."
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THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS IN POSSESSION OF DETAIL INFORMATION REGARDING THE MILITARIZATION OF THE ISLAND MENTIONED IN LAUSANNE AND PARIS PEACE TREATIES. IT WOULD SUFFICE HERE TO STATE AS AN EXAMPLE A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE MILITARIZATION OF RHODES:

AROUND 15,000 TROOPS (TWO REINFORCED INFANTRY REGIMENTS AND AUXILIARY CONTINGENTS). FORTIFIED HEAVILY BY MISSILES, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, HEAVY ARTILLERY AND OTHERS.

THE UNLAWFUL AND ARBITRARY ACTIONS OF GREECE CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF TURKEY IN PARTICULAR AND, BY INCREASING THE TENSION, TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION IN GENERAL. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HOPES THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL DULY TAKE THESE FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF

GREECE INTO CONSIDERATION AND TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE
THE COMPLIANCE OF GREECE WITH HER INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CIRCULATE THIS LETTER
AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

ILTER TURKMEN
AMBASSADOR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

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